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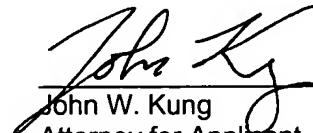
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Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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	AC	4,732,299	3/22/88	Hoyt			
	AD	5,088,994	2/18/92	Porat et al.			
	AE	5,125,919	6/30/92	Miller et al.			
	AF	5,188,328	2/23/93	Rani et al.			
	AG	5,290,105	3/1/94	Tencati			
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BD		6,138,849	10/31/00	Roemer et al.			
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